

Amendments to the Claims

I. Amendments

Please cancel claims 1, 3-4, 10, 12-13, 19, 21-22, 28-35, and 40-42 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 2, 5-6, 11, 14-15, 20, 23-24, and 36-39 as indicated below.

Please add new claims 43-46.

II. The Claims of the Application

Claim 1. **[Cancelled].**

Claim 2. **[Currently Amended]** The computer software-mediated method of ~~claim 1~~ **claim 43**, wherein said computer is a personal computer having a screen, and wherein said displaying comprises displaying the displayed image on the screen of the personal computer.

Claims 3-4. **[Cancelled]**

Claim 5. **[Currently Amended]** The computer software-mediated method of ~~claim 1~~ **claim 43**, wherein said annotation is a textual annotation.

Claim 6. **[Currently Amended]** The computer software-mediated method of ~~claim 1~~ **claim 43**, further comprising selecting said image from the group consisting of a photograph, a writing, and a drawing.

Claim 7. **[Original]** The computer software-mediated method of claim 6, wherein said electronic image is a photograph.

Claim 8. **[Original]** The computer software-mediated method of claim 7, wherein said image aspect to be annotated is a person depicted in said photograph.

- Claim 9. **[Original]** The computer software-mediated method of claim 8, wherein said annotation is a name of said person depicted in said photograph.
- Claim 10. **[Cancelled]**
- Claim 11. **[Currently Amended]** The computer software-mediated method of ~~claim 10~~ **claim 44**, wherein ~~said computer is a personal computer having a screen, and~~ wherein in said step (C), said image is displayed on the screen of ~~the~~ **a** personal computer.
- Claim 12. **[Cancelled]**
- Claim 13. **[Cancelled]**.
- Claim 14. **[Currently Amended]** The computer software-mediated method of ~~claim 10~~ **claim 44**, wherein said annotation is a textual annotation.
- Claim 15. **[Currently Amended]** The computer software-mediated method of ~~claim 10~~ **claim 44**, wherein said electronic image is selected from the group consisting of a photograph, a writing, and a drawing.
- Claim 16. **[Original]** The computer software-mediated method of claim 15, wherein said electronic image is a photograph.
- Claim 17. **[Original]** The computer software-mediated method of claim 16, wherein said desired image aspect is a person depicted in said photograph.
- Claim 18. **[Original]** The computer software-mediated method of claim 17, wherein said annotation is a name of said person depicted in said photograph.
- Claim 19. **[Cancelled]**
- Claim 20. **[Currently Amended]** The computer software-mediated method of ~~claim 19~~ **claim 45**, wherein ~~said computer is a personal computer having a~~

~~screen, and~~ wherein in said step (C), said image is displayed on the screen of ~~the a~~ personal computer.

Claim 21. [Cancelled]

Claim 22. [Cancelled]

Claim 23. [Currently Amended] The computer software-mediated method of ~~claim 19~~ claim 45, wherein said annotation is a textual annotation.

Claim 24. [Currently Amended] The computer software-mediated method of ~~claim 19~~ claim 45, wherein said electronic image is selected from the group consisting of a photograph, a writing, and a drawing.

Claim 25. [Original] The computer software-mediated method of claim 24, wherein said electronic image is a photograph.

Claim 26. [Original] The computer software-mediated method of claim 25, wherein said desired image aspect is a person depicted in said photograph.

Claim 27. [Original] The computer software-mediated method of claim 26, wherein said annotation is a name of said person depicted in said photograph.

Claim 28-35. [Cancelled]

Claim 36. [Currently Amended] The computer system of ~~claim 34~~ claim 46, wherein said annotation is a textual annotation.

Claim 37. [Currently Amended] The computer software-mediated method of ~~claim 1~~ claim 43, that further ~~comprising:~~
(E) ~~providing permits~~ the user ~~with a command for to~~ selectively hide and re-display ~~hiding and re-displaying~~ the annotation term positioned within the electronic image.

- Claim 38. **[Currently Amended]** The computer software-mediated method of ~~claim 10 claim 44, that~~ further ~~comprising:~~
- (D) ~~—providing permits~~ the user ~~with a command for to~~ selectively hide and re-display ~~hiding and re-displaying~~ the annotation term positioned within the electronic image.
- Claim 39. **[Currently Amended]** The computer software-mediated method of ~~claim 10 claim 45, that~~ further ~~comprising:~~
- (D) ~~—providing permits~~ the user ~~with a command for to~~ selectively hide and re-display ~~hiding and re-displaying~~ the annotation term positioned within the an electronic image.
- Claim 40-42. **[Cancelled]**
- Claim 43. **[New]** A computer software-mediated method for annotating a user-selected target image aspect contained within an electronic image that comprises a plurality of inherently unrelated image aspects including a target image aspect and a non-target image aspect, said method comprising:
- (A) displaying said electronic image using a computer-generated display interface;
- (B) accessing and querying a searchable electronic list of annotation terms for a desired annotation term, and permitting a user to add or edit said desired annotation term to said database list;
- (C) associating said desired accessed or added or edited annotation term of said electronic list with said selected target image aspect of said electronic image, wherein said associating comprises positioning said desired annotation term at a user-selected location within the displayed electronic image to identify said selected target image aspect and distinguish it from a non-target image aspect contained within said electronic image, wherein said positioning is

- accomplished by selecting, dragging and dropping said desired annotation term to said user-selected location;
- (D) storing said accessed or added or edited annotation term and said electronic image containing said target image aspect in a searchable electronic database of annotation terms and electronic images; and
- (E) permitting a subsequent user to display an electronic image (D) containing said selected target image aspect upon the querying of said electronic database (D) for said associated annotation term, wherein said displayed electronic image (D) optionally displays said annotation term positioned to identify the associated target image aspect and distinguish it from non-target image aspects contained within said displayed electronic image (D), and permitting said subsequent user to add, or edit, and store a desired annotation term to said database list, and to associate said new desired annotation term with an image aspect of said displayed electronic image.

Claim 44. [New] A computer software-mediated method for retrieving and displaying an electronic image containing a target image aspect, wherein:
said electronic image comprises a plurality of inherently unrelated image aspects including a target image aspect and a non-target image aspect and is stored in a database of electronic images and annotation terms,
said target image aspect is associated with an annotation term of said database, said associated annotation terms being displayable positioned at a location within the displayed electronic image that identifies said selected target image aspect and distinguishes it from non-target image aspects contained within said electronic image,
said method comprising:

- (A) accessing and querying said database of electronic images and annotation terms for electronic images containing a target image aspect associated with a queried annotation term;
- (B) retrieving from said database an electronic image identified through such querying that contains said target image aspect;
- (C) displaying said retrieved electronic image, wherein said retrieved image displays said queried annotation term positioned to identify the associated target image aspect and distinguish it from non-target image aspects contained within the displayed electronic image;
- (D) permitting a user to add or edit said desired annotation term to said database list;
- (E) storing said accessed or added or edited annotation term and said electronic image containing said target image aspect in a searchable electronic database of annotation terms and electronic images; and
- (F) permitting a subsequent user to display said electronic image (E) containing said selected target image aspect upon the querying of said electronic database (E) for said associated annotation term, wherein said displayed electronic image (E) optionally displays said annotation term positioned to identify the associated target image aspect and distinguish it from non-target image aspects contained within said displayed electronic image (E), and permitting said subsequent user to add, or edit, and store a new desired annotation term to said database list, and to associate said new desired annotation term with an image aspect of said displayed electronic image by selecting, dragging and dropping said new desired annotation term to a user-selected location.

Claim 45. [New] A computer software-mediated method for retrieving and displaying electronic images containing related target image aspects, wherein:

said electronic images each comprise a plurality of inherently unrelated image aspects including a target image aspect and a non-target image aspect and are stored in a database of electronic images and annotation terms,

said related target image aspects are each associated with at least one member of a family of related annotation terms of said database, each of said associated annotation terms being displayable positioned at a location within the displayed electronic image that identifies said selected target image aspect and distinguishes it from non-target image aspects contained within said electronic image, said method comprising:

- (A) accessing and querying said database of electronic images and annotation terms for electronic images containing a target image aspect associated with any of said family of related annotation terms;
- (B) retrieving from said database electronic images identified through such querying that contain a target image aspect;
- (C) displaying a retrieved electronic image, wherein said retrieved image displays a queried annotation term positioned to identify the associated target image aspect and distinguish it from non-target image aspects contained within the displayed electronic image;
- (D) permitting a user to add or edit said desired annotation term to said database list by selecting, dragging and dropping said desired annotation term to a user-selected location;
- (E) storing said accessed or added or edited annotation terms and said electronic images containing said target image aspects in a searchable electronic database of annotation terms and electronic images; and

- (F) permitting a subsequent user to display said electronic images (D) containing said selected target image aspects upon the querying of said electronic database (D) for electronic images containing a target image aspect associated with any of said family of related annotation terms, wherein a displayed electronic image (D) optionally displays said annotation term positioned to identify the associated target image aspect and distinguish it from non-target image aspects contained within said displayed electronic image (D), and permitting said subsequent user to add, or edit, and store a new desired annotation term to said database list, and to associate said new desired annotation term with an image aspect of said displayed electronic image.

Claim 46. [New] A computer system specially adapted by software to store, retrieve and display an electronic image containing a target image aspect, wherein: said electronic image comprises a plurality of inherently unrelated image aspects including a target image aspect and a non-target image aspect and is stored in a database of electronic images and annotation terms,

said target image aspect is associated with an annotation term of said database, said associated annotation terms being displayable positioned at a location within the displayed electronic image that identifies said selected target image aspect and distinguishes it from non-target image aspects contained within said electronic image,

said computer system accomplishing the:

- (A) accession and querying of said database of electronic images and annotation terms for electronic images containing a target image aspect associated with a queried annotation term upon the request of a user;

- (B) retrieval from said database of an electronic image identified through such querying that contains said target image aspect;
- (C) display of said retrieved electronic image, wherein said retrieved image displays said queried annotation term positioned to identify the associated target image aspect and distinguish it from non-target image aspects contained within the displayed electronic image;
- (D) addition or editing of a desired annotation term to said database list by a user, and associating of a desired annotation term with an image aspect by selecting, dragging and dropping said desired annotation term to a user-selected location in said electronic image;
- (E) storage of said accessed or added or edited annotation term and said electronic image containing said target image aspect in a searchable electronic database of annotation terms and electronic images;
- (F) display of said electronic image (E) containing said selected target image aspect to a subsequent user upon the querying of said electronic database (E) for said associated annotation term either alone or in combination with a different annotation term, wherein said displayed electronic image (E) optionally displays said annotation term positioned to identify the associated target image aspect and distinguish it from non-target image aspects contained within said displayed electronic image (E); and
- (G) addition or editing and storage of a new desired annotation term to said database list by a subsequent user, and the association of said new desired annotation term with an image aspect of said displayed electronic image.